

MANIFESTO

Who Am I ?

Quite the philosophical question, amirite ? My name is Jacob Barron. I am 21 years old, and a final year Economics student here at Trinity. I am a class representative, and most importantly, the President of the greatest society in college, that being the Chess Society ! I am also the head of the Irish chapter of European Students For Liberty. As a libertarian, I do not believe in telling people what to do, nor in telling people how to live their lives. I value the "live and let live" lifestyle of Trinity College Dublin, and the unique personalities of all of the student body. Individual social and economic freedom has made Ireland so incredibly rich and diverse. It is what makes life worth living. I therefore think these values should be represented in the Student Union of this great College !

Why Do I Want to be President ?

Because I want to change the role of the President that has been tarnished in recent years.

The Student Union in the past few years has not represented the student body. It has become a vehicle for radical political activism to the benefit of a few in the union, whilst damaging the reputation of this college, and reducing student welfare by taking time and energy away from services students rely on.

College, and the Student Union should help us along our journey, whether it is providing services that students rely on throughout the year, or opportunities to access employment after college.

The President of the Student Union should not disrupt employment events such as those organised by KPMG. The President should not spend his/her time blockading the Book of Kells, reducing college revenue, hurting college's reputation, and taking time away from students who may need the President's help. The President should not engage in an effigy scandal, violate privacy and trust, and the trust of students, and accuse its own STEM students of being rapists.

The President of the Student Union should be there for students, advocate for them within the college administration, and build bridges both within, and create opportunities for students outside of our gates.

What Would I Do If I Won ?

A truly flattering thought, I know.

More Deals ?

One great thing about not constantly antagonising businesses is that they will be willing to sponsor your college Student Union. I'm a broke college student. I want cheap deals. I don't want mediocre protests.

Students Services need an upgrade. Students need to not only be aware of the services that the college provides, but they need to be improved. Freshers students know more about the political goings-on of the student union than they do about the services it provides. From Free Laptop Loans, to job opportunities (that are sorely lacking), to an online Bookshop (that is empty). Don't know what I am talking about, check out the links below ... If we are to pay for a student union every year, it must guarantee the services it claims to offer.

<http://services.tcdsu.org/classifieds/bookshop>

<http://services.tcdsu.org/classifieds/jobs>

My Experience

I have been the President of the Chess Society for 2 years, and effectively its main committee member for 3 years. In that time, I have helped to organise trips, tournaments, our competitive team, and a large public tournament with 122 players, leading to revenue in the thousands of euros. I have been the face of the Society and have helped create outreach with other chess societies such as UCD and DCU. I live and breathe chess, and my commitment to the Society is proof that when I am passionate about something, I will give it my all.

I have recently joined as a local coordinator for European Students For Liberty, where I have helped to organise 3 events focusing on promoting free speech on campus this semester.

With all that being said, thank you for taking the time to read this.

¡ Viva la Libertad Carajo !